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The 20th anniversary ceremony
 of the 1000 Missionary Movement at 1000MM Campus,
 Philippines on February 2, 2013



Once a Missionary...

Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the 1000 Missionary Movement

Jairyong Lee, President Northern Asia-Pacific Division

The 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) celebrated the 20th anniversary of its founding on the beautiful campus of its training center in the Philippines from February 1-3, 2013. Hundreds of current (active) missionaries, as well as alumni missionaries, and hundreds of other guests and visitors gathered together to celebrate the remarkable achievements of the 1000 Missionary Movement during the past twenty years. There were many thanksgivings, praises and songs, testimonies and words of encouragement, along with sweet fellowship among missionaries and guests with a spirit of unity and mission. The faces of the participants fully reflected their joy and thankfulness. Every program was mission-focused, mission-oriented, mission-driven and mission-furnished. Almost every meeting time, the missionaries shouted with resounding voices, “Once a Missionary, Always a Missionary!” and reconfirmed their perpetual responsibility and privilege to serve as missionaries of God.

Missionary. This is the most honorable and the greatest title we can have here on earth. Missionaries are the ones who are chosen and sent by God to the sin-darkened world for the salvation of sinners. Their task is to preach the gospel message of Jesus Christ to the people who are perishing in the world of darkness without knowing the Way of salvation.

In the great controversy between good and evil, God is sending His missionaries to conquer the evil forces and rescue His people from the kingdom of darkness. As we come close to the end of the battle, Satan and his evil forces are creating more powerful weapons to destroy more people in a short period of time. People urgently

need to hear the message of liberation from sin and death.

“Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’” (Romans 10: 13-15)

Jesus says to all His followers, “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

Responding to Jesus command, 6,038 Adventist young men and women have joined the 1000 Missionary Movement in the last 20 years and have dedicated one year of their lives as full-time volunteer missionaries in the mission field.

God wants to finish the gospel work as soon as possible. In finishing the gospel work, however, He is using men and women as His messengers. “As His representatives among men, God does not choose angels who have never fallen, but human beings, men of like passions with those they seek to save.” (AA, 134)

God is asking his people a question, “Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?” (Isaiah 6:8)

Let us praise the Lord for 1000MM missionaries who have responded to God’s divine call by saying, “Here am I, Send me!” They continue to shout, “Once a Missionary, Always a Missionary!”

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The mission of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division of Seventh-day Adventists is to communicate to all people in its territory the everlasting gospel of God’s love in the context of the Three Angels’ Message of Revelation 14:6-12, and as revealed in the life, death, resurrection, and high priestly ministry of Jesus Christ, leading them to accept Jesus as their personal Saviour and Lord and to unite with His remnant church; and to nurture believers as disciples in preparation for His soon return, and to equip and empower them for service.

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The 1000 Missionary Movement Magnificently Celebrates the Theme “Rekindling the Mission: Here Am I, Send Me”

About 700 People Gathered in the Spirit of the 1000 Missionary Movement Missionaries

There was a grand worship of gratitude and commemoration for the 20th anniversary of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM) under the theme of “Rekindling the Mission: Here Am I, Send Me” at the 1000MM Campus on February 2, 2013. The 1000MM is a cradle for the Adventist young people who are like a furnace burning with a passion and dedication for God’s work. About 700 participants attended, including the following leaders: Elder Armando Miranda, General Conference (GC) Vice President; Presidents from the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), the Southern Asia-Pacific Division (SSD), and the Korean Union Conference (KUC); the NSD Pioneer Mission

Movement Director; the NSD Youth Director; the NSD Communication Director; Executive Secretaries from East Central Korean Conference (ECKC) and West Central Korean Conference (WCKC); KUC Youth Director; Indonesia Branch Director; India Branch Director; the 39th Batch Group of the 1000MM missionaries who have just come back from their mission fields;

the 41st Batch Group of the 1000 MM missionaries who are training now, and the 1000MM alumni and supporters. It was a very meaningful time to newly devote and dedicate themselves to mission work.



Attendees who are packed in auditorium for the 20th anniversary of 1000MM

Celebrated Its 20th Anniversary With "Send Me."

SukHee Han
NSD Communication Director



1. Missionaries concentrate on the message
2. 41th Batch of missionaries take missionary pledge
3. Dr. Jairyong Lee, founder of the 1000MM, encourages attendees

Words of Encouragement from Dr. Jairyong Lee, NSD President

Dr. Jairyong Lee, who founded the 1000 Missionary Movement, under the banner of “The Greatest Challenge of the Century” in 1993, spoke at the opening ceremony. He gave thanks and praises to the Lord for the countless miracles and the tremendous results which were based on the spirit of “Mission First” for the last 20 years, despite the many challenges and difficulties. He shared his appreciation for the support and cooperation of the General Conference, Northern and Southern Asia-Pacific Divisions, Korean

Union Conference, and the three Unions in the Philippines. He was also grateful to the past 1000MM directors, to all the missionaries for their efforts and sacrificial service, and to the supporters for their donations and prayers.

Talking about the purpose of this movement, its history and vision for the future, he said, “This is the movement which will deliver the gospel to the ends of the world as Jesus commanded. I hope this movement can be developed more and more, so that it helps Adventist young people stand firm on faith and have a passion for mission. The Adventist message will then be preached all over the world through their devotion, and many people will be saved.”



Dedication Ceremony of the 1000MM Missionary Memorial Building

The dedication ceremony of the 1000MM Missionary Memorial Building was held after the opening ceremony. The memorial building shows the past, present, and future of the 1000 Missionary Movement. The construction of the building began on October 12, 2012, and was built on the site of two small buildings which were the offices of the Maranatha magazine and Media Center.

As he shared his childhood memories and the experiences he and his parents had, Elder Ken Osborn, NSD Treasurer, said, “The purpose of the Missionary Memorial Building is to remember its history; to give thanks to God for His guidance, to transmit missionary experiences and impressions to the next generation, and to remind us of the mission God has given to us.”



Church leaders pose in front of the 1000MM memorial building

517 items are on display including pictures of past directors and missionaries, Korean-English Maranatha magazines, articles from the mission fields such as a hat, bow, knife, shoes, a Bible in another language, and a Bible transcribed by missionaries.



- 1. Ribbon cutting ceremony for the Memorial Building
- 2. Photo wall of dispatched missionaries from 1st to 41st batch
- 3. Pr. Eunsub Lee, Associate Director of the 1000MM explains the 1000MM statistics to leaders
- 4. Church leaders tour the exhibition rooms of the new building

Let the Mission Spirit of 1000 Missionaries Flow Through All Attendees' Veins

Praises and testimonies from missionaries touched the participant's hearts in every program. Especially the testimonies

of the senior missionaries which gave great strength to the 41st Batch of missionaries, who are now in training.



1. Three 1st Batch missionaries express their joy of a reunion
2. Senior missionaries contribute to the ceremony through a special number
3. Flags of the countries who have sent their missionaries

Pastor NakHyung Kim, NSD Youth Director, encouraged the missionaries at a morning devotional. “Whenever I visited the 1000MM mission fields, I experienced an irresistible impression. The sacrificial dedication of the missionaries will serve as a foundation of their faith, and the Adventist church will grow more and more healthy.”

Pastor SukHee Han, NSD Communication Director, introduced some entries from his diary that he wrote

during his service as a missionary in the first group of the 1000MM. “I praise the Lord who has trust in me, who walks with me, who helps me accomplish the mission to the last, even though I was weak, inexperienced, and immature. I hope the spirit of the 1000MM missionary which is “Once a Missionary, Always a Missionary” will course through all the attendees’ veins.”

Encouragement from Elder Miranda, GC Vice President: It Was Very Exciting and Very Touching to Meet the 1000MM Missionaries

Also during the celebration, plaques of appreciation were presented to many people including Pastor ChangSoo Chung, who sent his three children, OnYoo, YeRim, and SeungYoon, to join this movement. Pastor Chung said, “The 1000MM was an opportunity for my children to meet God in the mission field. I hope they will be lasting missionaries even after they finish their 1000MM service.” Pastor DaeSung Kim, KUC President, emphasized that the purpose of God’s calling to preach the gospel is to build a Christ-like character in us through the power of the Holy Spirit.

There was also a graduation service for the 39th Batch of missionaries. Elder Armando Miranda, GC Vice President,

encouraged the missionaries to positively participate in preaching the gospel with a willing and thankful heart. He said, “It was very exciting and very touching to meet the 1000MM missionaries.”

At the celebration it was good to see the flags of each group displayed. During the alumni gathering, the senior missionaries got together under their own flag to greet, encourage and pray together.

At the closing ceremony, Pastor SiYoung Kim, the second director of the 1000MM, asked missionaries not to forget that God is with the 1000MM missionaries and led a time of dedication to be born again as a missionary.

The event was closed with a commemorative planting.



1. Armando Miranda, GC Vice President
 4. Kwangsoo Park, 1000MM Director
 7. Nakhjung Kim, NSD Youth Director

2. Alberto C. Gulfan Jr. SSD President
 5. Daesung Kim, KUC President
 8. Sukhee Han, Communication Director

3. Ken Osborn, NSD Treasurer
 6. Siyoung Kim, NSD PMM Director

History and Thanks

When the 1000MM was first initiated, there were many difficulties such as finances and training environments, in order to dispatch the first group of missionaries.

There were no places to train at or to even accommodate the missionaries. Ms. InShil Lee, part of the first group of missionaries, remembered 1993, and said, “There was not enough of anything at that time, but the campus and

training environment is really great now.”

As the campus was founded and necessary facilities were built one by one, the 1000MM has trained and sent out missionaries twice a year. To date, 6,036 missionaries have graduated from the main campus in the Philippines, as well as 1,152 missionaries from Korea.

In the past, the 1000MM has sent missionaries to parts of the Philippines, but as 13 branches were organized, missionaries have been sent to 58 different countries

including Taiwan, China, Russia, Bangladesh, Burma, Israel, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, and Guam. As a result of their service, 747 churches were constructed, and 61,108

people were baptized. Even at the moment this article is being read, there might be newly baptized people in an unknown mission field.

To Rekindle the Mission with the Mission Spirit

The theme of the 20th Anniversary celebration was "Rekindling the Mission: Here Am I, Send Me." It means to be workers of the Lord by rekindling our mission spirit. Pastor KwangSoo Park, 1000MM Director, emphasized that we need to go back to the basics to rekindle ourselves. He said, "In celebration of the 20th anniversary, the

1000MM requires more power to make a new leap forward. Let us send more missionaries. Sending 1,000 missionaries is not to merely fill up the number. It is an opportunity to ascertain the value of the 1000MM and to have a real experience with God."

We are sending out missionaries, and supporting those going out as missionaries through prayer and sponsorship, in order for them to preach the gospel to the ends of the world so the day of the Second Coming of the Lord will be hastened.



Special number of AUP choir



39th Batch of Korean missionaries with 1000MM Director, Kwangsoo Park



I am a missionary! The Lord calls me! - Missionaries' chanting



Welcome banner meets guests in front of the gate



Flags which represent each batch



Plaques at the Commencement for the 39th batch who served one year for the Lord



Leaders standing on the stage for the Commencement Ceremony

Pictorial

1. Flag bearers marching to open the Commencement Ceremony
2. The inside of 1000MM Church where the 20th Anniversary Celebration was held
3. 1000MM cubic artwork in the Memorial Building
4. Missionaries leading chanting at the end of programs
5. Dr. Jairyong Lee presents a missionary plaque
6. Senior missionary Jongsuk, Han who was baptized before 1,100 people, gives his testimony
7. Elder Armando enters his name in the visitor's book
8. 39th Batch consists of young people from nine countries
9. Unveiling ceremony of the Memorial Building





Ken Osborn, NSD Treasurer (Left) and Mrs. Osborn, pray together after the message during Spiritual Emphasis Week

The week of January 7-11, 2013 brought a special time of spiritual renewal to the team of workers in the NSD office. We had our annual week of spiritual emphasis. Each day we began with music from the talented musicians around the office coordinated by Pastor David Park. A group from the NSD 7th floor offered a special song, as did Dr. Ripley and Pastor David Park. Dr. Ha also played his saw.

The music was followed by a sermon from Dr. Willie Hucks, Associate Ministerial Director and Associate Editor of Ministry Magazine for the General Conference. He presented the theme of “True Biblical Spirituality”.

Each day we were blessed by another clear message of hope from the Bible.

- Monday: “What Does Biblical Spirituality Look Like?” (Romans 12:1, 2)
- Tuesday: “Loving the God of the Word” (Psalm 19:7-10)
- Wednesday: “Surrendering Totally to God’s Will” (Luke 22:39-42)
- Thursday: “Treating Others With a Divine Touch” (Matthew 20:25-28)
- Friday: “Obeying God’s Commands” (John 15:9-14)

Elder Hucks invited us to know Christ personally, not through searching the Scriptures to prove our faith, but by letting God’s Word tell us about Him. “God’s salvation work on our behalf is described through the stories of His work in the lives of His fallen children. He draws us to Himself and then, as we allow, the power of the Holy Spirit works to cleanse and recreate us in His image. The next step is to active disciples, living out our faith by serving others in their areas of need. We must also invite them to meet Jesus as a personal Savior who is coming again soon!”

We followed each message with a season of prayer. Dividing into groups of two or three we presented our prayers to the Lord. We closed our meeting singing together, “The Lord is My Light.”

During our NSD office morning worship January 14-18, we joined the General Conference 10 Days of Prayer. Members of the In House Revival & Reformation Committee, Dr. Ha Hong Pal, Elder Kim SiYoung, Dr. Barbara Choi, Elder Teru Fukui, and Lily Cho lead out in sharing the readings from the General Conference. Then we spent time in prayer focused on those messages. We asked God to strengthen our witness as we seek to live out

His call to “Mission First” in the NSD mission territories.

All in attendance were blessed. One employee shared, “Dr. Hucks shares in simple English the message of a loving God. It warmed my heart. I know this week has brought me closer to God!”

Now the Division Office Administrators, departmental leaders, and supporting ministries can move forward into a new year. We know that God will walk with us and keep us

close to Him. We will continue our Revival & Reformation focus by participating in small group studies twice a month. This year we will be studying the book “Christ’s Object Lessons.” Our prayer is to be more effective in our service. May God grant our NSD mission territories greater fruitfulness in 2013.



David Riepley
NSD Ministerial Association Director





NSD

Report of Special Needs Ministries Meeting in Sao Paulo, Brazil



1. Delegates discuss current issues and share ideas during the session
2. Participants of the Special Needs Ministries Meeting pose for a group picture

Our strong mission call from Jesus is “you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8) And “make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, . . .” (Matthew 28:19) What if, however, there is a certain group of people we have ignored, or neglected, though not intentionally, as a target of the ministry of the Gospel? Is that possible? Yes, in a sense. It is said, according to some authority, among the deaf the Christian presence is very low, with only around 2% of the population being Christian.

Besides the deaf, there are many kinds of other disabled people. It is said that almost 10% of the whole population, around 650 million people, currently live with a disability. In Special Needs Ministries, there are seven major special needs: Cognitive, Hearing, Hidden, Mobility, Psychiatric, Speech, and Visual. If these people are neglected, there would be no accomplishing the spreading of the Gospel! It is definitely one of the lands where we need to also pioneer in our missionary effort, isn't it?

This is the reason why we met together for the

Special Needs Ministries Council which is coordinated and presided over by the Sabbath School and Personal Ministries (SS&PM) Department of the General Conference (GC). On one of the most beautiful university campuses of our SDA church, the Adventist University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, there is a church for their deaf which is made up of about 150 members.

They are highly dedicated and organized so that evangelism is being done by the deaf to the deaf. Not any more abled person helps to reach disabled people. The Anniversary Conference of this association of people was being held that afternoon in this church. On the platform one of the deaf people was speaking through Sign (hand) Language to the audience, and a person beside them was translating Sign Language into audible language for the other people. We are asked to advance also in this Special Needs Ministries for the Gospel of Jesus, everywhere in our territory.

Are you aware of someone near you who is neglected in this manner?



Teru Fukui
NSD SS&PM, ASi, Publishing Director

ADR A China Receives HKD 1,000,000 for Disaster Response in the Philippines

Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) China received a grant of HKD 1,000,000 from the Hong Kong Government's Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee to provide emergency food relief to typhoon survivors in the Philippines. Other recipients included World Vision, and Save the Children in Hong Kong.

Southwest monsoon rains combined with two typhoons - Typhoon Gener (international name "Saola") on August 1, 2012, and Typhoon Haiqui on August 7, 2012 - produced widespread floods which severely affected more than 4 million people in 17 provinces of Luzon. The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council in the Philippines reported 109 deaths among the 62,847 rescued and a total of 12,962 damaged homes. ADRA China requested the funds to provide emergency relief assistance in Pampanga and Laguna Provinces of Luzon.

For the relief operation, ADRA China worked in collaboration with ADRA Philippines and their partners, the Social Welfare and Development Office of the Philippines government. Other SDA institutions, including the North Philippine Union Conference, Central Luzon Conference, and Adventist Community



A lady takes with her the distributed emergency supplies



A local ADRA staff gives emergency foods to an old lady



Food packs were successfully distributed

Services also assisted. Food packs were successfully distributed providing critical support to 5,145 households.

ADRA China is being recognized as a reliable partner of the Hong Kong government, as evidenced by significantly larger relief donations with each request. In 2010, ADRA China received its first donation of HKD 300,000 to support survivors of the earthquake in Yushu Prefecture in the Qinghai Province. In 2011, a second donation of HKD 500,000 supported a strong response to flood survivors in Cambodia.

ADRA has been active in China since 1996 and is currently implementing development projects in Sichuan and Qinghai Provinces. ADRA China's portfolio focuses on primary health care, and environmental protection in addition to emergency preparedness and response.

ADRA is a non-governmental organization present in 125 countries providing sustainable community development and

disaster relief without regard to political or religious association, age, gender, race or ethnicity.

Follow ADRA China on Twitter and Facebook to receive updates. For more information about ADRA China, visit www.adrachina.org.



KUC

5th Annual Bible Reading Camp for Korean Adventist Youth

Two hundred Adventist Youth eagerly started their new year by reading the Bible from cover to cover at the Adventist Training Center in Korea, from January 7 to 12, 2013.

The youth, who are the future and the hope of the Korean Adventist church, participated in the 5th Annual Nationwide Whole Bible Reading Camp. They said they started camp with an eagerness to follow and love the Word of God. Through this event, they read the Bible from beginning to end, and found themselves relying on God who gave them wisdom, love, and strength.

Pastor Ho Young Choi, Director of the Korea Union Conference Youth Department, broadened and deepened their understanding of the Bible through 18 essential lectures based on the promised love of a faithful and almighty God. Although they had a tight schedule every single day, this concentrated camp allowed them to love the Word of God more by attending lectures, reading the Bible, participating in small group activities, and sharing the testimonies of their own life. They decided to be sincere servants of God the rest of their life.



Two hundred Korean Adventist Youth participated the Bible reading camp



The venue was packed with many young people

GC

Global Leadership Summit



GC and 13 Division Leaders participated three days Global Leadership Summit

Some 30 Adventist World Church leaders held a Global Leadership Summit in Bali, Indonesia, from January 28 to 30, 2013.

Dr. Jairyong Lee, Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) President, and Dr. Minho Joo, NSD Leadership Coordinator, attended this meeting. For the three day meetings with the General Conference (GC), and 13 Division leaders and Institution leaders, the GC reported what each Institution and Division did in 2012. They also discussed how to implement leadership principles and skills for the further development of leadership in each level of the Adventist church organization.

During the NSD report, Dr. Minho Joo reported the future potential of the NSD as well as its challenges in terms of mission and church leadership. The NSD also provided a video report which drew the leader's attention and was commended for not only its quality but its content, as well. The next Leadership Summit will be in Sydney, Australia in 2013.



Joo Min Ho
Assistant to the President

People of the Manholes, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

According to the Government of Mongolia, the population living in Ulaanbaatar is about one million, one third of the whole population of Mongolia. But in reality, half of that population actually lives in Ulaanbaatar, according to the National Geographic Magazine. Ulaanbaatar has no outlet for its overflowing population so why does most of the Mongolian population live there?

Because of this overpopulation, many problems have arisen. With the crisis of overcrowding, people who have created a new kind of lifestyle have appeared. They are called “Men of the Manhole.”

The problem was far more serious than we could have imagined. Both the Mongolian Government and the Mongolian Police authorities denied that they existed. Although they were trying to deny the existence of these people, we could usually find them in the streets. One day in 2005, a Korean international student walked the streets of Ulaanbaatar. While he was walking, he stepped into a manhole and was hurt so badly that he was kept in the hospital. After being treated, he testified that “I saw people in there! They were hiding without making the slightest sound.”

On January 19, 2013, a letter had arrived at the office of ADRA Korea. It was a request for relief from Pr. Hashik



An open manhole in UB, Mongolia which shows someone has often passed through it



A homeless person lives in a manhole in UB, Mongolia to survive from the extreme cold weather

Kang who is a Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) missionary in Mongolia. He asked ADRA to help the “Men of the Manhole.” They are homeless people living underground. They must have moved below the ground to get out of the freezing cold. There are “Men of the Manhole” also living underground in Suhbator Square, a famous tourist attraction in Ulaanbaatar. This is the fanciest place in Mongolia but there is also terrible polarization. The National Geographic Magazine points out that it is “Another side of Ulaanbaatar.”

Some scholars state that it is a natural phenomenon because these people had to get out of the minus ten degree weather. They could not survive the head-to-head competition for housing but their failure was not due to a lack of abilities. Pr. Hashik Kang said, “I was shocked by these people in the manholes. Some of them died from the thick fumes created by the fires they made in a drain or some of them died by frostbite. How can you just turn your back on these poor people? I could not forget their eyes. I saw a spark in their eyes. So I wrote this letter to you asking for relief.”

Pr. Kang requested several items they need such as food, winter coats, medical supplies, hygiene supplies and education. Accordingly, ADRA agreed that they will discuss this matter and formulate a plan to help them. They stated, “God will help us to find a proper way to help them. We will pray continuously together.” Yes, now is the time to pray for them and help them quickly.



CHUM

Blossoms of Chinese Evangelism in Northern Thailand



Hong Kong Adventist Hospital's medical mission team



CPMM missionaries teach students in Thailand

At the conclusion of the Chinese Civil War in 1949, some remnants of the anti-communist Kuomintang (KMT) forces were compelled to withdraw from China but refused to surrender, including the 93rd Division. They lived nomadic lives in Burma's jungles before seeking asylum in Mae Salong, in the northern part of Thailand. In the 1980s, the KMT forces fought for Thailand, helping to counter the communist insurgency on the Thai frontier. As a reward, the Thai government granted citizenship to most of the KMT soldiers and their families. Today, third generation KMT and migrants from the Yunnan Province live in Mae Salong, in northern Thailand.

Mae Salong was once famous for its poppies. These have now been replaced by tea farms and products related to the tea industry. Tourism is the main source of income. In Mae Salong, the religions of the population are broken down into the following categories: 90 % Buddhist, 4% Muslim, and 1% Christian.

Two years ago, the CHUM (Chinese Union Mission) sent two CPMM (Chinese Pioneer Missionary Movement) missionaries to launch Chinese evangelism because they had a vision regarding the immense prospect of

evangelistic development.

The love and enthusiasm of Christ were at the CPMM missionaries' disposal. They primarily taught Chinese and Bible in the school, and students were inspired by their teaching. However, their work of evangelism was opposed. Since the CPMM missionaries understood the enormous needs of the community, they began visiting the elderly and nurturing the children. Villagers were influenced by the love of Christ that was revealed to them, and earnestly expected the missionaries to establish a school. So the missionaries started a kindergarten, and began a tutorial class with the



CPMM missionaries visit houses for medical treatments

main lessons being Chinese, the Bible, and hymns. They used all of their subsidies for the preparation of lunch and dinner, and also to provide transportation for the students who lived in remote areas in the morning and after school every day.

They have 70 students now. Nineteen of them have converted to Christianity and are being baptized. Parents and former soldiers are targets of visitation so that they can experience the tender care of the CPMM missionaries and receive the gospel. The soldiers devote their lives and

blood for survival, while the CPMM missionary dedicates their diligence and prayer to manifesting the love of Christ for the prosperity of evangelism.

CPMM missionaries have a plan to build a boarding school in the future, so that students can enjoy a comfortable and safe environment to learn in. The school will be a special place for the nurturing of church successors.

CPMM needs many resources and subsidies to run the kindergarten because of a deficiency in the essential facilities and labor force. The missionaries are so enthusiastic about the gospel work in Mae Salong, they have decided to stay one more year in missionary service. May they do all this through God who gives them strength.

By Michael Mok & Elia Tong

KUC

Prison Mission Association holds an Inaugural Assembly to spur the Mission Spirit

An association was organized to spread the Three Angel's gospel to the prisoners behind bars. On November 22, 2012, there was an Inaugural Assembly of the Prison Mission Association (PMA) at Seoul Sahmyook Central Church.

About 150 church members from 17 local churches gathered in the church to elect a new leader. The newly-elected president of PMA is Elder Yong sun Lee, President of "Onesimos Mission Work", and Committee Member of the Korea Ministry of Justice. Elder Sung Gu Kang was elected as Vice President, Elder Won Ho Shin will be in

charge of General Affairs, and Deacon Sun-I Jin is in charge of Finance. Their terms are for two years. Elder Lee, the first president of the association said, "I want you to be interested in prison mission and concerned about the people in there." The West Central Korean Conference gave him an appreciation plaque for his passionate and dedicated efforts. At this assembly, all of the participants put their heads together to examine their future direction. Under the topic of "Opportunity is the Choice of Hope", Pr. Chi Yang Moon delivered a speech showing the present condition of the prison mission work of other denominations. He said, "The Adventist church is about to spread the Gospel to prisoners. I thank you for all these efforts and I confidently predict success for our mission work." Elder Yong Sun Lee testified to God's leading hands. God changed his life from a death row inmate to a missionary. Now he tries to make prisoners lives, as well as his own, worthwhile through the "Onesimos Mission Work", a true social enterprise. He also helps people return to a normal social life, and get a job.



Newly elected PMA board members



KUC Ministerial Secretary speaks to the participants



Yong sun Lee, PMA president receives appreciation plaque from WCKC

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This year, there are about four hundred 'Onesimos' brothers at 23 correctional facilities all over the country.

The first pioneer of the prison mission work in Korea was the Gwangju Namseon Church. They have been working at the prison for precious souls just as we are. Now, the importance of the prison mission has been steadily emphasized. Our prayers are so needed for this field, as well as our continuing interest and support.



KUC

Sahmyook Medical Center Receives Honorable Accreditation

On January 4, 2013, Sahmyook Medical Center, Korea (SYMC) received “A Top Class Medical Service and Safety Management Accreditation” from the Korean Ministry of Health and Welfare (KMHW).

From November 6 to 8 last year, SYMC had been inspected for safety by the Korea Institute for Healthcare Accreditation for three consecutive days. The evaluation team also examined all the survey documents, and conducted an on-site inspection.

As expected, the results showed that SYMC is reliable in all aspects, such as patient safety, and the quality of medical service, which meant that they could receive accreditation from the Government. Besides receiving the high scored accreditation, SYMC was also given the right to use the accreditation mark authorized by the Government for four years. It is difficult to obtain the mark because it needs skilled manpower and material resources all at once. At the present time, there are only 59 institutions which have received the accreditation mark among the 270 general hospitals nationwide.



KUC and Sahmyook Medical Center leaders express their joy of receiving the Honorable Accreditation

Dr. Myung Sup Choi, President of the Medical Center, expressed his feelings by saying, “I appreciate all the staff in our work place for their dedicated work, especially during this accreditation process. I consider this accreditation to be an important step forward. Let us make the hospital a place where people like to work and where the most patients like to come to be treated.”

JUC

What About the Children?



The Tokyo International Church members takes a photo with their children after the seminar

Most churches take their children for granted, but the sad statistics show that we lose half of our children by the time they reach their late teens or become young adults. How can we keep them safely in the church? More importantly, how can we parent our children for the soon-coming of the Kingdom of God?

The Tokyo International Church is comprised of many young families with concerned parents who are interested in nurturing their children and ensuring their salvation. They invited Drs. Sally and Chek Yat Phoon to share a sermon and seminars over a weekend in February, 2013. The group had a rousing discussion on how to be the right kinds of parents, stressing -the importance of linking our children directly to Jesus and His grace so that they become His children.

Another topic of interest was children’s church -the why’s, how’s and wherefore’s. The group participated with their ideas, their opinions on the curriculum, the strategies, and the idea of children preaching in church.

Tokyo International Church and the Tokyo Central Church are two places in our Division where they intentionally run children’s church every other week. It is our prayer that God will keep our children safe as we make every effort to grow them for God’s Kingdom.

Accreditation Evaluation on the Adventist Schools in Hong Kong and Macau



1. Evaluators of Macao Sam Yuk Middle School



2. Hong Kong Adventist Academy Faculty & Staff with Evaluators

A new school in Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Adventist Academy (HKAA), as well as the Macao Sam Yuk Middle School, were visited by two professional teams from the Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges and Universities (AAA) from December 9-11, and from December 12-14, 2012, respectively. The teams were sent by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Board of Education (NSDBOE). The NSD Commission on Accreditation studied the self-study documents before making their on-site visits to evaluate these two schools.

HKAA grew out of the Hong Kong Adventist International Academy, which was granted candidacy status in 2008, when the Sam Yuk Middle School in Clear Water Bay was closing. However, the school was denied international school status by the government. It was then operating under the same license of the Hong Kong Adventist College (HKAC), which was allowed to operate four to seven classes, grades 10-12. Nevertheless, the Education Bureau of Hong Kong suggested that the school could be licensed as an English-medium school. Hence, on March 15, 2012, Hong Kong Adventist Academy was granted permission to operate as a secondary school with its own license.

The evaluation team who visited Macao Sam Yuk Middle School (MSYMS), which is located on the

offshore island of Taipa, reported marked progress made by the school in comparison to the last visit. Many of the facilities and equipment have been upgraded. It now has a soccer field, volley ball court, tennis court, and a hall where students can play indoor games such as table tennis. These facilities, while located on the MSYMS campus, are shared with the public since the government built them. The school has also been successful in encouraging students to aim higher.

The administration and faculty are passionate about providing the best education for students in spite of the fact that many students come here seeking a second chance. Before, many MSYMS students graduated and left to eke out a living working at the casinos rather than considering further education. But the school now sees more of their graduates seeking a university education after they leave.

The new administrator has set a goal to make MSYMS a school of choice for students seeking an Adventist education. His plan is to build up the physical plant in order to be one of the top-notch facilities in Hong Kong, and also to attract the best Adventist Christian teachers with a mission for the young.



Chek Yat Phoon
NSD Education Director



MMF

DLC Program Aimed to Foster Competency

At the onset of 2013, Mongolia Mission Field (MMF), in coordination with the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), launched the Distance Learning Center (DLC) Program in Mongolia, courtesy of Adventist International Institute on Advanced Studies (AIAS), which is located in Silang, Cavite, Philippines. The purpose of this program is to provide the local pastors and church leaders an avenue for upgrading their skills through academic learning and improving their technical competencies in their ministerial work. The program will hold classes once every quarter for five years.

The first session started on January 14-30, 2013, with Dr. Youngsoo Chung, AIAS Professor in Applied Theology, giving a lecture on the "Biblical Foundation of Leadership" at the MMF's headquarters. The objectives of the course are to provide the thirty-two enrollees, who come from both the capital city and the countryside, with foundational understandings, principles, and approaches to Biblical leadership; to identify the essential characteristics, qualities and requirements of Christian leaders; to appreciate various Biblical models of leadership and leadership activities; and lastly, to fill the urgent need for missionary leaders working on a regional, national, and global level.



The Distance Learning Center Program participants in Mongolia

The implementation of the DLC Program is one of the keys in assisting the MMF in attaining its goal for the next five years. This goal is to promote a strong ministerial development plan that will train and develop the pastors to have high spiritual, emotional, and intellectual standards.

As Ellen White says in her book 'Pastoral Ministry', "The cause of God calls for all-round men, who can devise, plan, build up, and organize. And those who appreciate the probabilities and possibilities of the work for this time will seek by earnest study to obtain all the knowledge they can from the Word, to use in ministering to needy, sin-sick souls."

MMF

Griggs University (Asia), an Ext

In such an extreme time, an extreme God used an extreme way to set up an extreme university – Griggs University (Asia). Here is a list of reasons that make us extreme:

1. Extremely busy students – Most of our students are full-time ministers who have to juggle between work and study;
2. Extremely different ages – Some of our students are grandpas and grandmas while some of the younger ones are the same age as the older students grandchildren;
3. Extremely different backgrounds – Our faculty comes from all different parts of the world, and presents the same truth from different perspectives;
4. Extremely flexible times and methods – Because we offer classes from a long distance away, students can choose their own times, and methods to listen to lectures, and to turn in their homework;
5. Extremes in places of origin– Our students come from all over China, and they travel long distances to prepare themselves for ministries together;
6. Extremely humble teachers and students – Some teachers are much younger than their students. They humbly learn from one another;
7. Extremely popular language – We use Mandarin Chinese as our instruction language, a language

Consultation with GC and NSD Leaders on JUC issues



NSD leaders give consultation to the JUC

On January 17 and 18, 2013, the Japan Union Conference (JUC) had a consultation with the General Conference (GC) and the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) Leaders. The GC Executive Secretary, Dr. GT Ng, and the GC Vice President, Dr. Mike Ryan, came all the way from the US, contributing a great deal to the consultation.

Their presence shows us a special concern and great support for our mission in Japan. The JUC leaders appreciated the NSD leadership support. The NSD President, Dr. Jairyong Lee, Division Secretary, Dr. Akeri Suzuki, Treasurer, Elder Ken Osborn, and Division Director of Big City Evangelism, Pastor John Haeng Kwon attended the

meeting to consult with the JUC leaders. The consultation went very successfully. The discussion was held with an open-mind and friendly spirit. They also were very eager to seek a better way to serve the Lord in Japan. The analysis report, which was based on the results of a survey taken in the JUC, provided us with a clearer understanding of the JUC situation. Through the discussion, we agreed on the “Seven Foundations of Mission”:

1. We are committed to church growth.
2. The program has to be a Japanese initiative.
3. This consultation meeting is not a one-time meeting.
4. Bible study and prayer should be our first initiative.
5. Every Church member in Japan has a job.
6. One to One method.
7. First things first, the church members need to create a network.

We also discussed Tokyo 13, the Division’s main big city evangelism project, and ways to implement these foundations among churches and church members on a daily basis.

The Japanese participants were encouraged, and motivated by the useful suggestions and discussions of the consultation. We pray and expect the Holy Spirit to use us as the tools He needs for His work and for the salvation of the Japanese people.

Griggs University School of Higher Learning



Griggs University Students in China attend class

spoken by the biggest population in the world;

8. Extremely efficient – We put many lectures on multimedia. You can watch the lectures on TV or computers from your living room. In this way, we save a great deal of money in our travel budget.
9. Extremely generous donors and supporters – many faithful donors give to our ministry in order for this extreme school to continue to serve God’s children in the years to come.
10. Extremely blessed by God – Our ability is limited but God blesses us. Our goal is to train 6,000 ministers and volunteer missionaries. In the future, we will have a full-time school.



CHUM

Chinese Union Mission Secretariat Advisory

The Chinese Union Mission (CHUM) Secretariat Advisory was conducted from January 18-21, 2013. On January 1, 2013, as the CHUM reorganization was made and the new structure, with the new leadership started to function, an advisory meeting with training seminars and orientation for the new secretariat team of the CHUM was held. It was of great benefit to them all.

The participants of the advisory meetings were as follows: the General Conference Undersecretary, Myron Iseminger; the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Assistant Secretary, Sungsub Song; the newly appointed CHUM Secretary, Daniel Jiao; Associate Secretary, John Ash and Administrative Secretary, Winnie Cheung; Hong-Macao Conference Secretary, Heywood Cham, and his assistant, Pamela Cheung; Hong Kong Adventist Hospital Human Resources Director, Iris Chuah; and, three Pastors from the Unorganized Territory (UT). The translation service for English and Chinese was provided by Edmund Yu Feng Cao, one of the Regional Directors for the UT.

Elder Iseminger led the meetings with a presentation. The participants joined the dialogue on various secretariat topics including Structural Organization, Leadership Responsibilities, Committees at Work, Working Policies, and Ethics in Christian Leadership. In his presentations, he stated that all administrative authority is bestowed by the constituency. The church operates between full sessions on the committee system which is based on Biblical examples, and on the need for a multitude of counselors (Proverbs 11:14), but there must be no kingly power on any leaders except God alone. One great emphasis was that leaders need to live a spiritual life with high moral standards in their leadership.

In both of his presentations and the morning devotional, Elder Iseminger highlighted that the mission of our church is to proclaim the gospel and prepare for His soon coming. The Leadership Pledge reads, "I devote myself to the noble purpose of advancing the kingdom of God and preparing people for the return of Jesus."



CHUM Secretariat Advisory participants



Advisory participants discuss some of the major issues



Elder Myron Iseminger, GC Undersecretary, speaks during the Advisory

Church Membership Audit Seminar

On January 20, 2013, Dr. G.T. Ng, Executive Secretary at the GC (General Conference), made a special trip to Korea for the purpose of presenting a two hour seminar to Union and Conference secretaries, as well as pastors and church clerks from the Seoul metropolitan area, about Church Membership Audit.

In his opening remarks, Dr. Ng described the difficult birth of their second grandchild, who was born five months ago. The question asked at that time was, “Will his daughter-in-law, the mother to their grandchild, forget her baby?” He drew from the text Isaiah 49:15, which says, “Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?”

Dr. Ng presented this question to the participants of the seminar who are the Church’s babies. He reminded all of us that a church’s newly baptized members are our babies and we should not forget these individuals. The purpose of the meeting encouraged us to ask ourselves “Where are the Church’s children?” We need to use this question as a spiritual exercise to find our children and bring them home.

Also during the seminar, some of the church clerks were asked to show their record keeping systems while being

asked (1) what church they represented, (2) how many people were listed as church members, (3) how old was their church, (4) how many people come to church on Sabbath, and (5) how this number compares with the membership total on their records. “What are churches doing to contact and bring these members back to the Church?” was the final question. These questions encouraged the participants to focus on what needs to be done to reach the people who no longer attend church and how the Church Membership Audit helps to identify these individuals. Dr. Ng emphasized the importance and need to educate not only the pastors but church members as well about the sacredness and importance of church membership. The church membership records kept by the church clerks should be numbered with contact information about each person beside their name, including phone numbers and their address. This information is essential for membership audits. Dr. Ng suggested if records are missing contact information, then create a list of those names and print them in the church bulletin, asking the church family to help locate these people by providing any contact information they may know of.

Church membership audits help the pastor to identify



KUC Church Membership Audit Seminar participants.
The participants were able to grasp the importance of Church Membership Audits and meaning of its redemptive process.



which members are no longer attending church to encourage visitation by elders and deacons, as well as by the pastors. These people need encouragement with their spiritual life and need to know they are missed. Finding the Church's children becomes a spiritual exercise in bringing them back home. There was ample time for questions, concerns and clarification of what was being presented before the close of the meeting at 5 p.m. Attendees were reminded to use the 2012 Church Manual as a resource for what to do when a church member states he has changed his mind and no longer wants to be a Seventh-day Adventist, or cannot be located or found, or for questions like what is the definition of a Church Business Meeting.

In conclusion, we were reminded of the 99 sheep the shepherd had at the end of the day, when there should have been 100. The shepherd knew he was missing one sheep because he counted his sheep. Hence, the shepherd went to look for that one lost sheep. The analogy drawn here is we must also count our members. Membership audit is not an exercise in the numerical but a redemptive process. Thus, when members are found missing they need to be searched for and redeemed by the grace of God.



Suzuki, Akeri
NSD Executive Secretary

TWN

Ministerial Department Meets with Pastors in Taiwan

On January 14, 15, and 16, 2013, David and Lynn Ripley met with the pastors and their spouses of the Taiwan Conference. They met in three locations: Taipei, Taichung, and Pingtung.

Each day was spent in seminars on discipleship, and growing churches. In the morning they met together, and in the afternoon they divided



Dr. & Pr. Ripley Meets with Taiwanese pastors and wives for the discipleship seminars. They also introduced LEAD program to them.

the pastors and spouses for training. The pastors discussed Mission and Vision, Leadership, and Growing Churches.

The spouses discussed Mentoring and Structuring for Support and Encouragement. The Ministerial Department also introduced the LEAD Program for growing local churches. LEAD stands for "Leading Eager Active Disciples." Too often experts come and share a good program with pastors then they leave and hope the information they shared will benefit the churches. LEAD will approach training differently. In three modules we will train pastors and lay leaders for growing their

churches. Then we will keep pastors together as a unit of 10-12 pastors to care for each other, and grow together. There will be regular continued instruction and support from the Ministerial Department of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD). LEAD will provide instruction on a wide

spectrum of topics related to growing healthy reproducing churches.

We believe this will bring vital revival and reformation to the local churches. We will support them; walking alongside them in their ministry. The church in Taiwan has an army of wonderful pastors, eager to share Jesus with their community. Their spouses are enthusiastic partners in ministry. One pastoral spouse shared, "This is the first time we have had a ministerial couple come to talk to us and our husbands. We are very thankful for the encouragement we received."

Multi-cultural Family Service Center's Highlights of the Month

The Multi-cultural Family Service Center (MFSC) has celebrated its third wedding ceremony of the year 2012. On November 13, Daniel Kato and Faith Kabasinguzi, both from Uganda, walked down the aisle with songs of jubilation and praise as they decided to tie the matrimonial knot after a long period of living together out of wedlock. The wedding ceremony followed Daniel and Faith's acceptance of Jesus Christ as the Lord and Savior of their life in a baptismal ceremony that was conducted by the pastoral team of the Center, and witnessed by the entire Center Church a couple of weeks earlier. The colorful wedding ceremony was celebrated, and officiated over by the Director of the Center, Pastor Young Soo Kim, with the assistance of his Associate Director, Pastor JeonKyoung Chun. The joyous and festive ceremony was attended and witnessed by the members of the Multi-cultural Family Church and other invited guests and friends of the couple.

After the Church service, the happy newlywed couple welcomed their guests to a sumptuous wedding dinner that was organized with the assistance of the Center Cafeteria staff. It was a time of jubilation, fellowship, and unity.

Prior to this event, the Multi-cultural Family Service Center was once again visited by a medical team from Los Angeles Korean Central Church. This team has 30 members and every year chooses a country to render their services in. Last year they were in Danyang, Korea and the year before they went to Wando, Korea. This year, they chose MCFSC of Ansan City in particular.

They held their clinics from the 30th of October until the



Daniel Kato and Faith Kabasinguzi put their hands on the Bible for marriage vows

3rd of November, 2012. On the second day of the program, a special guest arrived. The mayor of Ansan visited the MFSC and encouraged all the members. For the whole week of their stay here, they served around 100 people daily from 1-5 in the afternoon and 7-10 at night. The foreigners, as well as Koreans, availed themselves of the free services in the areas of dental, internal medicine, general surgery, Oriental medicine, chiropractic, and foot massage, as well as receiving a general check-up. Both young and old people were satisfied with the team's service and felt that they had been shown TLC (Tender Loving Care). Every patient received a gift from the team, and from the Center, after their treatment. Around 700 people took advantage of the service.

During the Sabbath, the church members were inspired by the team through music and testimonies. We gave the glory and honor to God for the success of this medical mission. We also thank God for this team who unselfishly devoted their time for the work of the Master.

On December 5, 2012, the MFSC received a special award from the Minister of Ministry of Gender Equality and Family, in the capacity of local programs for immigrants. This award is given to the top organization which has performed a successful program in cooperation with the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family out of 50 organizations throughout the country. We deeply appreciate what God has done in us, and through us.



The MFSC in Ansan, Korea, received a special award from the Minister of Gender Equality and Family



Kim, Young Soo
Ansan Multicultural Family Service Center



KUC

Taiwan Dali Church Youth hold an Evangelistic Meeting in Korea



A group picture of the baptismal ceremony



Pastor Byun(Right) speaks during the evangelistic series



Pastor Yoon baptizes Mr. Lim on the last day of the event



Dali-Jeongsun Evangelistic Series participants

During the winter, from January 31 to February 6, 2013, the youth members of the Dali Church in Taiwan took a trip to Jeongseon, Korea to hold evangelistic meetings. The group from Dali was composed of 13 young people who had been baptized by Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) missionaries (except for one person). They were people to be cared for by the missionaries and became missionaries themselves. Before this evangelistic meeting, they had received missionary training from the PMM pastors.

These Evangelistic meetings had special meaning to Pastor WoonSung Choi of the Jeongseon Church because he was one of the first PMM missionaries to Taiwan. He was so glad to see the young people from Taiwan again.

Through this event, the missionaries also learned some evangelistic skills and were able to experience the joy of serving others when they taught the children and other non-believers. This was the greatest reward of this trip.

This evangelistic meeting consisted of two parts. One was for the children who were eager to learn English. 'English Bible School' is the core outreach program of the Jeongseon Church. They lead souls to God through this meaningful ministry. The other part of the meetings was for adults in the evening.

During the meetings, about thirty children and students attended the programs. They learned the language and culture of Taiwan, and Bible stories. They communicated with new friends, and had time together exploring a cave, campfire, doing performances, and much more. They were able to participate in various unique programs.

Every evening, Pastor S. J. Byun, Assistant Director of Communication of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division, preached the message under the title of "From Darkness to the Light."

Pastor Byun daily shared the love of Jesus for mankind under small topics such as – "Better Home", "The Earth's Final Crisis", and "A New Life."

On the last day of the evangelistic meetings, there was a special baptismal ceremony. The baptismal candidate was Sumin Lim. He was the only person who had not received baptism among the missionaries from Taiwan.

He confessed that he had not believed in God for years but he was touched by his mother's sincere prayer, and through this evangelical meeting. He expressed that this evangelistic meeting was his great delight. He was one of the interpreters for the meetings, and through this service, he responded to the voice of the Holy Spirit. This evangelistic meeting in Jeongseon Church meant a lot to the all participants. Young people who did not believe in God had now become overseas missionaries. Now, they lead souls to Jesus. It is such a great blessing of God.



Byun Seong Jun
NSD Assistant Director of Communication

School Evaluation in the Korean Union Conference

Seohae Sahmyook Middle and High School, and Youngnam Sahmyook Middle and High School, were evaluated by two teams sent by the Northern Asia-Pacific Division Commission on Accreditation (NSDCA) on November 25-27, 2012, and November 27-29, 2012, respectively. The NSDCA is authorized by the Adventist Accrediting Association of Seventh-day Adventist Schools, Colleges and Universities (AAA) of the General Conference to have oversight over all the high schools within the Division territories. This organization makes sure that the standards and mission of these schools complies with the goals, standards, and mission of the Seventh-day Adventist world-church.

These two teams spent two full days interviewing the administration, teachers, and students as a group and individually. They also listened to reports from the principals, toured the campuses, visited classes and observed special classes. They looked over documents such as student's reports, teacher's and student's publications, bulletins, financial statements, and a host of other printed and electronic materials. One period was given to the students and teachers to make a special musical and drama presentation showing their award winning performances for the team members to see. These performances were indeed special treats. Furthermore, these presentations provided insight on not only the talents that abound in the schools, but the fulfillment of what an Adventist Sahmyook education is all about—physical, mental and spiritual development. It is the education of the whole person, a service to the world, and a greater joy for service of the world to come.

Commendations and recommendations were written, and shared with the teachers and board members at the time of the two exit reports. The final recommendations for the accreditation of the two schools will be sent to the AAA for final approval after the NSDCA has approved the reports. Although it was a grueling two days for each school, the team members felt that the schools have indeed made marked improvements in comparison to the last accreditation visits.

The administration of Seohae was so determined to improve the spiritual and prayer lives of its faculty and families in order to help fulfill the mission of the school that it sent them to the Adventist Training Center. However, it was close to the time of year when students were about to take their entrance exams to universities, making the parents rather unhappy. However, the Lord blessed the school because 22 of the students were selected to enter universities even without taking the examinations. Such an anecdotal report was indeed encouraging to the entire school, and even to the evaluators who heard the story.

There may be challenges, but the schools are aware of this and have made preparation so as not to lose sight of the reasons for their existence as Seventh-day Adventist schools.



NSDCA team with Youngnam Sahmyook Academy Administration



A class visit in Youngnam Sahmyook Academy



Interviews with Seohae Sahmyook teachers



Reponse from NSD Education Dept. to Presentation of Youngnam



KUC

Unceasing Efforts of Missionaries to Save Souls

On November 25, 2012, people who have the spirit of mission went out to evangelize others in a region of the Southeast Korean Conference. About forty people from various parts of the country got together at Elder Pan Kyung Han's house to spread the Gospel. On this day, they prayed for the 'gospelization' of Uiryeong-gun, Korea. Since Elder Kyung Sin Jo posted a notice on the Korean Adventist Website board about evangelizing, many people have given him a positive response. Many had wanted to participate in this movement.

The participants were really eager to evangelize. They already knew that they were called to spread the Gospel. From Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., they walked and visited house-to-house to spread the Gospel. They gave booklets and leaflets to people, praying that the people would come back to the living God. In order not to miss any house, they did great zeal in their work. The books and leaflets they delivered were as follows- 'For Whom to Seek the Happiest Life', 'Paper of Messages One to Nine', 'Paper of the Sabbath', 'Relay of Hope', 'The Earth's Hope and Man's Recovery', 'Sabbath Series' by Pr. Han Sung Ho, and 'History of Religious Reformation'. The total number of the books they gave

was about 68,000. On Friday, they found many who were interested in learning more about the love of God through canvassing. Finally, their first Pioneer worship was held on Sabbath in Elder Ha's house. They prayed for the church construction in Uiryeong-gun. The Southeast Korean Conference is the biggest territory among the five conferences in Korea and the Gospel was conveyed among the people quickly, but they have no church in some regions. Church construction had been a long-standing wish.

Forty missionaries had a hard time feeding themselves and finding seekers. However, they started off their day with joy and thankfulness. They walked all day long and at times, they felt an unpleasant feeling about the people. After all their daily duties, they reported the number of houses and people they visited. They had a prayer time with daily prayer requests. They confessed that they were tired, but they had peace of mind. After they shared the joy of evangelism, they could hear each other snoring. The day draws to a close in that way. The sound of their snoring is the most beautiful chorus in the world. Their persistent endeavors are expected to be filled with the overflowing blessings of God.



Evangelists visit door to door



Participants prepare the handouts and tracts



A Group picture of the participants with boxes of tracts



Church planting worship in Uiryeong area



Going out two by two with tracts



Sharing small booklets on the streets

Each One to reach One in Japan



Tokyo International Church Congregation

On a cold, windy winter's Sabbath, February 10, 2013, Dr. Chek Yat Phoon preached to the Tokyo International Church (TIC) congregation about Tokyo 2013, an evangelistic thrust that the Japan Union Conference has planned for this year. Using the parable of the laborers in the vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16), he drew lessons regarding the harvest and how workers for the Lord need to understand the amazing grace of God. If we don't understand this basic point, we fall into the tendency of comparing ourselves with others, feeling jealous of what others accomplish and being paralyzed by anger towards others, thus hampering the progress of the harvest.

That afternoon, at the invitation of TIC, Drs. Chek Yat and Sally Phoon spoke about how to win your family to Jesus, giving special attention to winning the unbelieving spouse, which is a common situation in the Japanese church. TIC is stressing their slogan in Sabbath School each week, 'Each One to reach One', as part of their church's strategy for Tokyo 2013.

Sally Lam Phoon

NSD Women's Ministries Director, CLAP Coordinator



NSD

2013 NSD New Appointments

The work needs in the NSD have necessitated some staff changes. It is sad for us to say good-bye to Dr. Hong Pal Ha and his wife, Woi Sook. Pastor Ha has been serving God as Assistant to the President of the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) and as the Ilsan English Church Senior Pastor since 2012.

Dr. Ha has been serving God in the NSD as Director of Sabbath School/Personal Ministries (SS/PM), Acting Ministerial Secretary, Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) Coordinator, Leadership Training and Development Coordinator, and Director of Public Affairs and Religious Liberty (PARL). Dr. Ha is moving to Saniku Gakuin College in Japan as a Theology professor and Mrs. Ha as a Nursing Department professor.

Mrs. Nan Hee Kim will take Mrs. Ha's place in the NSD.

Dr. Min Ho Joo, PhD, is to take Dr. Ha's place as Assistant to the NSD President for General Affairs, effective March 1, 2013. His job responsibilities will include Coordinator of the Retention Program, Leadership Training, and Deaf Ministries.

Dr. Joo's ministerial career began as a local church pastor, followed by the appointment as the Associate Director of SS/PM of the Korean Union Conference (KUC), and Director of the 1000 Missionary Movement (1000MM). Before he joined the NSD he had been serving God as a Business Manager in charge of training church pastors at the KUC Adventist Training Center. Dr. Joo holds a PhD in Missiology from the Adventist International Institute of Advanced Studies (AIIAS).

Pastor Seon Man Kim who has been serving as an Assistant Director for the PMM Department, Mission to North Korea, is leaving the NSD to study at Andrews University, USA.

Pastor Younil Choi will take Pastor Kim's position. Dr. Choi has been working as a pastor and a chaplain for 16 years. He has two doctorate degrees; one in Public Health (Dr.PH) and the other in Missiology (D.Miss).



Dr. Joo, Min Ho



Dr. Choi, Younil



Tanzania “Victory English Bible Class” was opened by Pastor Sungwon Cha

Pastor Sungwon Cha of the Lemala, Tanzania Church, has opened a “Victory English Bible Class” for children this last year. He had a “Guest Invitation Sabbath (Sabato ya Wageni)” on January 26th, 2013. During the past year the church has grown up to around 60 members from almost none. The church has been full of people wanting to attend church. All of the students, their friends, and family, added up to more than 350 people attending and celebrating the special Sabbath day program. The church that had remained stagnant for 15 years is now standing room only. The special service on that day was broadcast by the Morning Star radio program in Dar es Salaam in the Eastern Africa area.



1. Students of the Victory English Bible Class
3. Korean Missionary teaches during the English Bible Class

2. The English Bible Class students enjoy having lunch
4. The students pray together in the class room

Successful Six Years of PMM Services -Pastors Jaeyoung Seo, Sangbum Park, and Soomin Wie

Pastor Jaeyoung Seo (Taiwan), Pastor Sangbum Park (Mongolia), and Pastor Soomin Wie (Japan) have completed six years of PMM services in their respective mission fields and have returned to Korea in February. Six years ago they departed their homeland to arrive in the mission field. They studied local customs and languages for one year and started to plant churches in unreached areas, giving their lives completely to the mission. They faced numerous challenges, and obstacles but they successfully dedicated their lives to the mission and have returned home safely. Their hard work and fervent prayers have led many souls to Christ. Those souls have grown, and are leading the work in their respective territories.

Yiran Church Invites the Silang Korean Evangelistic Team from the Philippines

Pastor Woojin Lee, from the Yiran Church (located in the northeastern part of Taiwan), conducted an evangelistic series in the city of Yiran. Helping him were 28 youth from the Silang Korean Church Evangelistic team from the Philippines which was led by Pastor Haesuk Jung. The meeting was held from December 23–28, 2012, with more than 40 new members attending every day. The meeting was successfully done with the dedicated efforts and services of the youth. The city of Yiran is known as a challenging place for Christianity because Daoism is very strong in that region. The Yiran Church hopes to gain a foothold for new revival growth through this evangelistic series. The Church was pioneered by Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) Pastor Haesuk Jung.



Yiran church members with Silang Korean Church evangelistic team

PMM Pastors Ordained – Pastor Sukwoo Kim and Pastor Younghoon Lee in Taiwan

A blessed Ordination Service for Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) Pastor Sukwoo Kim (Xindian, Taiwan) and Pastor Younghoon Lee (Pingzhèn, Taiwan) was held on January 26th, 2013. This service was attended by Pastor Steven Wu, (Taiwan Conference President), Pastor Siyoung Kim (NSD PMM Coordinator), Pastor Chek Yat Phoon (NSD Education Director), and Pastor Sunhwan Kim (Secretary of SDA Education of Korea), as well as many other ministers and members. Pastor Sukwoo Kim started his ministry in the SDA Education Department of Korea and has served in Taiwan for three years. Pastor Kim and his wife, Sungok Seo, have a daughter, Surin, and a son, Jooahn. Pastor Younghoon Lee started his ministry in the Southeast Korea Conference and has served in the Taiwan area for three years. Pastor Lee and his wife, Minjung Kang, have two sons, Jihyun and Eunchong.



1. Pastor Younghoon Lee(left) and Pastor Sukwoo Kim(right)
2. NSD leaders and Taiwan conference pastors after the ordination ceremony



Hishands Training in Taiwan

On January 25-27, 2013, there was a beautiful Hishands training class and dedication service in Hopping, Taiwan. This event was planned and executed through the united effort of the Shungqi Church and the Pingtung Jiayi Church. It was the first time to have a Hishands Missionary training in Taiwan since the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD) had brought the Taiwan Conference under its immediate supervision. Liu, Shao-Zhu who is the Hishands Coordinator in Taiwan, spoke of his aspirations, saying, “Taking this opportunity, we will consider and decide five model churches for the Hishands Mission Movement so that we can plan to focus its support on these churches. Finally it will be expanded throughout the whole country.”



Hishands Training and Dedication service in Hopping, Taiwan. About 50 HHMM missionaries participated in this training. Liu, Shao-Zhu, Taiwan Hishands Coordinator is planning to decide on five model churches for HHMM.

A total of 50 missionaries had participated in the Tutorial Utilization class, lecture, practicing visiting door-to-door, testimony, and an all devotional service to be a true missionary with the light of the Holy Spirit in this new dark era. Thirty-five missionaries were from the Shungqi Church and 15 from the Pingtung Jiayi Church. The main speaker of this lecture was Pr. Suk Hee Han, Hishands Coordinator of the NSD. He emphasized that “Jesus commanded us to go with our brothers and sisters, and preach the Word of God. We will have great success in evangelism if we obey God’s guidance and prepare with open arms the Message. In terms of evangelism, the Hishands Mission Movement is the best way to be a true servant of God because it uses the example of Jesus and Jesus’ suggestion for us. You will surely feel rewarded when you pray and visit with your neighbors with a faithful heart.”

Pr. Huang, Zhi-Hui, who is responsible for all of the mission work, gave his impressions of this event. He said, “This is a village in the mountains and there are only 1,500 people residing here. However, I decided to make this area filled with the mission spirit and evangelical fervor. To realize the dream above, I recommend to you that we do this great movement together. We can do all things through Him who gives us strength.”

It was definitely a worthwhile program. The participants had a meaningful time together, and the mission spirit was heated up by their passion for Christ. There are great expectations for the performance of the missionaries of the Taiwan Hishands Mission Movement.

I'm in Touch with Souls Every Day



JungHwa Jin
NSD HHMM Office Manager

Bong Hwa Baek is a Hishands missionary in the Toegyewon Church, and is also a literature evangelist in Korea. Her dedication to evangelism is so amazing. She says "Gods Calling" was the motivation for her career and service. She is going door-to-door with two other missionaries, Eun Hee Lee, and Kyeong Hee Baek. They spread the Gospel with various materials including the Spirit of Prophecy. They convey a practical message about clothes, food and living. 'Beautiful News for the World' is one of the materials they share with others.

They make their own notes whenever they find a good message, and then they give these to people, wishing them to meet God. Through this activity, Deaconess Baek shares more Bible messages with people than just delivering materials. She always appreciates God's blessings so when she talks with people, she confesses that "My only joy is to let people know my God who gives us eternal life and true happiness."

One day as she was visiting door-to-door like she normally does, she found a small rice grocery. The owner of the grocery was a middle-aged man living alone. He was struggling with body paralysis. She saw his pale face and sick heart. She gave him a 'Family and Health' magazine and a message from the Bible which said, "I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and

every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food." She introduced him to a better diet which God tells us about in the Bible. She recommended that he stop drinking alcohol and caffeine. He then took the note with the health message from her. Indeed, she wanted him to recover. She prayed for him continuously and visited him every week. She could find that He was pleased with God's Truth. After participating in camp meeting, he attended the Toegyewon Church. Now he is a student learning the book of Daniel. She also has a Bible study twice a week in Toegyewon. She is very eager to meet people. Actually, she exerts all possible efforts to save souls. She shares her food and time with people. Finally, one soul has devoted himself to God. He received baptism and became a faithful servant of God. As she has experienced these things, she realized that we could not evangelize people; only He can.

She continued as follows. "When we strongly believe the Word of God, we can experience a miracle, power and courage. We could walk on the streets of eternal life with God. As a Hishands missionary, I will see only Jesus and meet Him with the given promise. He promised us that 'You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.' (Jeremiah 29:13)

Let's work together for the Glory of God." Now, she is contacting two Buddhists. She strongly believes that today God will open their mind also.



Deaconess Bong Hwa Baek(Left) goes out with her partner for visitation



Deaconess Baek shares the truth with an owner of the grocery



Deaconess Baek visits door to door



Members of Golden Angels 10th Group

From left to right : Jin Sang Hyun (High Tenor), Lee So Mang (Second Tenor), Huang An (Baritone), Goh Yoh Han (Bass)
Park Soo Yeon (Soprano), Aya Ikeda (Mezzo Soprano), Choi Go Eun (Soprano), Hong Jung Hyun (Alto)

On the very first day of the year 2013, Golden Angels 10th Group began their music ministry for the Northern Asia-Pacific Division (NSD), just as it has been in past years with previous Golden Angels groups. By the grace of God, eight precious young music missionaries from Taiwan, Japan, and Korea, have started their dedication humbly but with a passion for mission. They have committed one year of their life to being a music missionary, delivering the message of the Three Angels.

2013 Golden Angels 10th Group Sing a New Song



The group needs to be trained for a whole year, but a major part of their training is in January and February before their first mission trip, which is usually in March. The Golden Angels' training program includes many different kinds of music practice and spiritual training for the music ministry. The program has many parts such as vocal skills, recording practice, missionary spirit and life, culture and background of the mission fields, Bible teaching, using audio systems, and so on. During the training program, early every morning they have a special prayer meeting for their spiritual revival together.

The Golden Angels 10th Group is planning various mission trips and activities for spreading the Gospel. They will have mission trips to Hong Kong, Macao, Taiwan, Unorganized Territory (UT), Japan, and Korea. The 10th Group of the Golden Angels will conduct evangelistic meetings 12 times for Pioneer Missionary Movement (PMM) churches in different countries in the NSD territories.

They are going to visit schools, camp meetings, and local churches with their inspiring music. Also, the Group will join in the Tokyo13 Project to help support the Japan Mission. A special performance will be from August 28-31, 2013, when the 10th Group will join in the NSD International Mission Congress where they are going to praise the Lord with the participants.

During this year, the 10th Group of Golden Angels knows that they need to serve the Lord with a tight mission schedule but they also believe being the 10th Group itself is meaningful and significant. To sing a new song (Psalms 98:1) with a new heart and soul, the 10th Group of Golden Angels missionaries practices to die daily, to empty their cups, and to be filled with God's new spirit every moment. They will never stop praising the Lord until the end of their ministry this year. They love to sing a new song from the depth of their hearts.



NakHyung Kim
NSD Youth Director



You Are Invited to the Northern Asia-Pacific Division's International Mission Congress, held on Jeju Island, Korea, from August 28 to 31, 2013



SiYoung Kim
PARL Director, PMM Coordinator of Northern Asia-Pacific Division

The NSD's International Mission Congress welcomes all of those who have a passion for mission. Please come to pray together, to share the missionary vision together, and to refresh your mission spirit. This will help you to be able to be ready for the soon coming of the Lord while you are faithfully doing the mission work He has given you.

Programs

Well-prepared programs will be presented at the Mission Congress. They will include miraculous mission stories, and testimonies of things that are taking place on the frontlines of mission in each country. There will also be high-quality musical performances and praises.

Inspiring messages from wonderful speakers are sure to touch you. Testimonies, praises, and messages will continue from the opening of the Congress until its end.

Praise teams, filled with the mission spirit from many countries, will come and lead us in singing to our heavenly Father.

Registration in Each Country

Please register soon! Each Union and Conference has already begun registration. It is open in Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Macau, China, Mongolia and many other countries outside of the NSD territories. People in Europe, the Middle East, the USA, the Philippines, and Africa are registering now, meaning this will be an international Mission Congress with delegates from every nation, tribe, language, and people. The deadline for early registration is April 30, 2013. Please attend this world-wide event along with more than 3,500 people who will gather together, sharing their friendship and passion for mission.

The Beautiful Island of Jeju

The Mission Congress is being held on Jeju, which is one of Korea's most beautiful islands and well worth a visit. It is a wonderful place to make memories in its cool sea, beautiful seashore, and towering Mt. Halla. Please come and not only enjoy the beauty of the island but enjoy making unforgettable sweet memories, as well as listening to touching messages.



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